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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 7, 2006 ("the Office Action"),

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.